



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
GROUP ART UNIT 2852**

03500.017673

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Masashige TAMURA) Examiner: Ryan M. Gleitz
Application No.: 10/693,981) Group Art Unit: 2852
Filed: October 28, 2003) Confirmation No.: 3977
For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS) November 30, 2005
INCLUDING GRAVITY-OPERATED :
OPENING AND CLOSING)
MEMBER FOR DISCHARGING :
EXCESS DEVELOPER)
(AS AMENDED) :

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Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated August 31, 2005, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application, as follows.

*Entered
w/patch
12-24-05
James J. Jr.
1-5-06*

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